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To whom it may concern.

My name is Ruth Tyrrel I have 2 boys my oldest son William that is 15 yrs old has angelman syndrome. It is a very rare syndrome that can be hard to diagnosed because it can be missed diagnosed with CP or Austic. They suffer from many seizures during most of there childhood. It can be very hard to get there seizures under control during there teen yrs. And it can be very hard finding doctors that seen these kids how to treat them with best medical care. They also having very difficult time with eathing it takes a lot of time & patients to feed them. And weight is a biggest issue & for surely during winter months. He goes in & out of hospital because he stops eathing & drinking over something small like a ear infection when thay are sick. There whole lives they require supervision 24/7 because they have no aware of dangers. They also do therapy there whole lives too. Because they kids are non verbal for the most part. They also have a sleeping disorder there whole life where they sleep know more than 5 hrs a nite & that gets worse during a full moon. My son receives Family Outreach services It has been such a blessing all that they do for my son since we moved here when he was 3 yrs old. They have bought what ever safety stuff to help my son stay safe in our home. They have helped out with respite which is a big help to my family because both my kids have special needs. And they both have such high needs. And they help out with transperation which is a huge need for our family. And hardly any specialist doctors are here in Helena it is always else where. So that means a lot of traveling to take him to doctors. So keeping funding for Family Outreach is huge to our families & others like me. They do so much hard to tell every little thing they do for families like me. My youngest son Jonathan that is 13 yrs old. He has many mentle health issues. He also receives wrap around services to help him out during the day just the same. If he did not have his services he would not be able to live in the home. Because he has behavior problems on any given week & he has supportive services to help him deal with things like that. And they have been very helpfully to him as well. So I ask you to keep our funding because it is just very import !hat it is not cut & you think how it would affect all the families lives if it was Thank You.

Ruth Tyrrel

